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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: 10 October 1950

To: D/LA

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: Jornada, newspaper in Bogota, Colombia

Statement of Project

Origin: Internal (K-3386)

Problem: To furnish following information on subject newspaper:

a. circulation figures

b. names of columnists and reporters

c. financial status

d. names of owners and/or backers

Scope:

Graphics (if any):

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Dissemination deadline (if any):

Draft due in D/Pub: When convenient

Responsible Division: D/LA

Internal Coordination:

Departmental responsibilities:

Classification to be no higher than: Secret

Recommended Dissemination: Requester only

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, D/PUB, ORE

ATTENTION

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SUBJECT

: Jornada

REFERENCE

Case K-3386

1. The following information is requested with reference to subject newspaper, a daily publication in Bogota, Colombia:

- a. Circulation figures
- b. Names of columists and reporters
- c. Financial status
- d. Names of owners and/or backers

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Chief, Intelligence Support Branch

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OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: 10 Oct 1950

1. Colombia, Bogatá-

To: D/CA

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2. Newspapers - Bor Colombia

Publications Division, Projects Planning

Jornada, newspager in Bogota; Colombia Subject:

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Chief, D/Pub (Attn: Projects Planning)

12 October 1950

Chief. D/IA

Jornada, newspaper in Bogota, Colombia

REFERENCE: D/Pub memo IP-172, 10 October 1950

- a) According to "Editor and Publisher" 1950, "Jornada" claims a circulation of 35.000. According to the 3 Oct 50 FBID, "Jornada" has ceased publication.
- b) Guillermo Umaña Rocha and Ruben Uribe Arcila are columnists for the paper. Jorge Villaveces writes editorials.
 - c) The paper is in poor financial condition.
- d) "Jornada" is constituted as a stockholding company. At least nominally it has more stockholders than any other Colombian enterprise, since 100 Mousand shares valued at 1 peso each were issued. The large group of its shareholders is made up of people of all classes, from bankers to shoeshine boys and peasants, with more of the latter than of the former.

On the Board of Directors are Antonio Ordonez Ceballos, Santiago Valderrama, Jesús Macias, Manuel José Gaitan, and Jorge Villaveces.

Up to 18 August, Dario Samper was Director of the Paper and Jorge Villaveces was manager. On that date a majority of the Board of Directors replaced Samper and Villaveces by Jorge Uribe Marquez and Santiago Valderrama. The Samper group protested the action as illegal and refused to abdicate their positions. The present status of the paper is not clear. For further details, see

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